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Baptist command post opens in Tokyo

TOKYO (BP and local reports) — The Southern Baptist relief effort in Japan is moving forward with the establishment of a command post in Tokyo, despite uncertainties about the ongoing nuclear crisis in the northeastern part of the country.

A "second wave" team is joining the two-member assessment team that arrived on March 12, said Jeff Palmer, executive director of the Baptist Global Response (BGR) international relief and development organization, told Baptist Press March 18.

Meanwhile, the International Mission Board (IMB) announced that all personnel in east Japan have been relocated southwest of Tokyo in response to deteriorating conditions following the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear crises. They will be given temporary assignments south of Nagoya, IMB reported.

The addition of disaster relief specialists, in joining the two assessment experts, will facilitate the launch of an initial Southern Baptist disaster response, Palmer said.

"This initial response team includes members of the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief network from South Carolina and Alabama," Palmer said.

"They are heading into Tokyo to set up a command center for a unified Southern Baptist disaster relief base."

No Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force members have been activated, said Don Gann, consultant in the Men's Ministry Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board where the task force is based.

"If teams are requested by Japanese Baptist leadership through BGR, the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force is ready to send trained disaster relief volunteers to the areas of need," Gann said. "We always seek to work with established Baptist churches and ministries in disaster areas as well as Southern Baptist Convention field personnel, because it makes the relief aid more effective as part of a long-term strategy of outreach."

Because government restrictions prevent a large-scale overseas volunteer effort, the initial relief projects will be conducted in partnership with Japanese Baptists and other humanitarian groups, Palmer pointed out. The projects will focus on earthquake survivors outside the tsunami zone, where the nuclear crisis is most serious.



FUTILE PRAYER — A young woman wearing a mask she hopes will protect her from breathing in radiation emanating from damaged commercial nuclear reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi plant site in northeastern Japan prays at Meiji Jingu, a Shinto shrine in Tokyo. Japan continues to struggle to respond to the largest earthquake in its history, along with the massive tsunami and nuclear crises that followed. (BP photo)

"Because so much of the U.S. media coverage is on the nuclear crisis in the tsunami zone, we aren't seeing how serious the situation is in other areas," Palmer said. "The area devastated by the earthquake is much larger and the conditions in those areas are very serious."

"We can do a lot to help people in desperate need because of the earthquake while we wait for the nuclear situation to be resolved."

The area around Sendai in northeastern Japan has been gravely threatened by a nuclear crisis since the March 11 earthquake and tsunami knocked out cooling systems at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant. Four of the plant's six reactor units have experienced fires, explosions, or partial meltdowns. Emergency responders have been dumping tons of water on the reactors in hopes of preventing a disaster.

Based on the assessment thus far, the initial relief effort will focus on life-essential items: basic food items, water, blankets, and hygiene supplies, said Pat Melancon, BGR disaster management specialist.

"Based on past experience and what we're seeing on the ground in Japan, things like this will be the greatest help to people who are just trying to survive while the country's recovery effort gets under way," Melancon said. "These are the things our on-the-ground partners in Japan are asking for."

The first round of relief supplies also will include radiation detectors, Melancon added. "We are taking the possibility of radiation exposure very seriously," he said. "We're going to be real careful with that part."

Leadership hopes the new team will be able to set up supply channels within a week, so Southern Baptist relief supplies can begin moving into the country, said Ben Wolf, who with his wife Pam directs BGR work in the Asia Rim.

"We know how anxious Southern Baptist disaster relief specialists and other volunteers are to come to Japan and help. They know people are in desperate need, and they are willing to take whatever risks are necessary to take the love of Jesus to hurting people."

"The reality, however, is that right now we can't go ourselves, so we will focus on praying and giving so our partners in Japan can get the job done. Because of the scale of this disaster, recovery will be a long-term challenge, and we believe there will be plenty of opportunities to go in months to come. For now, donations to Japan relief, especially to the general fund, are the critical need."

Gann said a fund has been started for aid to Japan. Donations will be channeled to Baptist disaster relief work in Japan as opportunities are identified. Checks should be payable to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, with "Japan Disaster Assistance" on the memo line. Donations may be mailed to MBCB Business Office, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. No in-kind donations are being accepted at this time.

Any questions can be directed to the Men's Ministry Department of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board at the post office box listed above. Telephone: (601) 292-3334 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 334. E-mail: cwright@mbcb.org.

EARTHQUAKE



Japan Baptists praying for witness, revival

TOKYO (BP and local reports) — Thousands of the little wooden prayer tablets rattle softly in the cold, spring breeze, a symphony of soft clattering that drifts out from the Shinto shrine.

Images and characters burned on one side of the tablet symbolize hope. On the other side, carefully handwritten prayers and wishes are written to the deities of the Meiji Jingu Shrine.

Not surprisingly, the prayer wall focuses on Japan's triple disaster — a 9.0 earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear crisis:

*My sister is missing. Please bring her back.
Prayers for the victims.
These disasters will not destroy us. Be strong.*

One young Japanese woman spends 15 minutes writing her request in perfect characters. She stuffs her prayer, "...protect my family from nuclear radiation..." in a waist-high box. "I do not normally come here to pray," the young woman explains, "but given the disasters, I am not sure what else to do."

Proud of their secular society, most Japanese are not religious but in a time of crisis, International Mission Board (IMB) missionary Gary Fujino says, they tend to fall back on an old Japanese expression, "The god that you depend on in times of crisis."

What that means is when things are bad, you will go to the temple and shrine because nothing you've tried thus far worked," Fujino explains. He notes that, once the crisis is over, no one goes back to the temple or shrine.

Thousands of prayer tablets hung in one day testify that the crisis in Japan continues to grow and people are trying to find ways to cope. The Fukushima Daiichi nuclear site has been rated a five on a seven-point international scale for atomic incidents — just two levels lower than the Ukraine's 1986 Chernobyl disaster.

The head of the United Nations nuclear watchdog warns that stabilizing the plant is a race against time. In Japan's disaster-ravaged northeast, 6,405 people are confirmed dead and about 10,200 are listed missing.

While most Westerners often are preoccupied with causes of disaster — the questions of why God would allow an earthquake, for example — Eastern traditions like Buddhism and Shinto focus on behavior in reaction to tragedy. It is very important in Japanese life to react in a positive way, to be persistent and to clean up in the face of adversity.

Fujino says it's always been like this. His elderly Japanese neighbor assures him this is just like World War II, a time when the nation pulled together and persevered. The neighbor has no doubts that Japan will rebuild and make it on their own.

"They really believe that in themselves they have what they need, which makes it very difficult to share the Gospel," Fujino says.

"What we need is for people to be shaken and realize that you need something outside of yourself — God."

The 60-year-old member of Tokyo Baptist Church has taken

in a single mother and her daughter whose other family members remain missing. As people evacuate from the disaster zone to Tokyo, she plans to bring even more to live with her.

She explains that the Japanese government will take care of things and rebuild houses in a few months, but she can do something even bigger — introduce people to the God who can rebuild their lives. "I have a really strong God. I want those people in the disaster to know my God's strength and power."

Her prayers are different than those hanging in the shrine. Hers are not "wishes" or "hopes." She knows her God personally and knows He will provide.

Yugo Kobari grew up in Japan. Once or twice a year he visits family there. He has early memories of long bike rides not far from the smoldering nuclear plant in Fukushima, Japan.

Kobari, now 52 and pastor of Chicago Japanese Mission Church in Mount Prospect, IL, admits he struggles to keep back tears when he watches the news. Now a nuclear crisis close to where he grew up has created more concern for the pastor. "My heart is broken. It's really tough... This is not [some] other country. This is Japan, near my hometown."

Immediate family members of Kobari and his wife Keiko in the disaster area and in Tokyo are safe. The couple is keeping in touch by phone as much as possible. Kobari's 79-year-old mother lives with his brother about 45 miles from the crippled nuclear power complex. Though the house they live in remains intact, concern about nuclear radiation has led to some evacuations.

"They are not evacuated yet," Kobari said, "but they are really concerned... It's dangerous."



FALSE HOPE — A Japanese woman hangs her ema (Shinto prayer tablet) on a slatted wall surrounding a "divine" tree outside a Shinto shrine in Tokyo. The Japanese people have been flocking to such shrines to leave their prayers since the history-making earthquake off the country's north-eastern shore triggered a massive tsunami and set in motion an ongoing emergency at a commercial nuclear power plant. (BP photo)

Though Kobari's mother and brother have shelter, finding stores with food and fuel remain a challenge. One relative went to the supermarket and all that was left on the shelves was mayonnaise and soy sauce. Staple items like bread and rice were nowhere to be found.

Though Kobari admits he struggles with feelings of helplessness, he clings to his faith and to prayer. Though most of Kobari's family is Buddhist, Kobari became a Christian at 19 while attending a Baptist church in Japan.

Kobari admits his biggest concern is for the spiritual condition of his family and the people of Japan. "Revival is going to start from east of Japan," he said, referring to the earthquake epicenter. "I believe this."

Committee on Nominations begins reviewing positions

JACKSON, Ms. (Special) — The 2011 Committee on Nominations approved by the messengers of the 175th Mississippi Baptist Convention in October 2010 will soon begin reviewing the trustee/board member positions on the boards and commissions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention (MBC) to serve in 2012. According to R. Bryant Barnes, Jr., committee chair and pastor of First Church, Columbia, there will be a limited number of vacancies to be filled on the following boards and commissions:

- Baptist Children's Village
- Baptist Health Systems, Inc. (Jackson)
- Baptist Memorial Health Care System, Inc. (Memphis)
- Board of Ministerial Education
- Education Commission
- Historical Commission
- Blue Mountain College
- Mississippi College
- William Carey University
- Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission, Inc.
- Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- Mississippi Baptist Foundation

The Committee on Nominations will work with the heads of the institutions and agencies to bring a list of nominees to be approved by the messengers of the 176th annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention at First Church, Jackson, on November 1-2.

Nomination forms are available from Executive Administration - Brenda Box, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. E-Mail: bbbox@mbcb.org. Telephone (601) 292-3201 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 201.

Completed forms should be mailed to the Committee on Nominations, Executive Administration, at the above address to be received no later than May 1.

Christian persecution, harassment persist

ASENDABO, Ethiopia (BP) — Muslims have killed at least one Christian and wounded several others in anti-Christian violence in western Ethiopia, according to International Christian Concern (ICC), an organization that helps persecuted Christians worldwide.

ICC also is reporting that Muslims have burned down 69 church buildings, 30 Christian homes, a Bible school, a Christian orphanage, and a church office. The anti-Christian attacks started March 2 after Muslims allegedly accused Christians of desecrating the Quran, the Islamic holy book, and violence continues to affect residents of the area.

During the initial days of the attacks, 3,000 Christians were displaced. ICC reports those numbers now have climbed to 10,000.

Although Ethiopian Orthodox churches are predominant throughout the country, at least the first 55 churches that were burned belong to evangelical denominations, according to Sam Parkman (not his real name), a Christian worker who served in Ethiopia from 2007-10.

Mike Turner (not his real name), an IMB strategy leader in North Africa, said none of the 55 churches identified thus far are Baptist. The denominations of the 14 other churches have not been reported. "What's happened in Asendabo is unfortunate, and we are brokenhearted for the people who have been affected

by the attacks," Turner said, "but it is not unexpected, because the Lord Himself said we would face hard times and struggle with hardships as we boldly follow in His steps."

ICC reported that military forces have been sent to curtail the attacks in Asendabo and surrounding areas. Federal government officials removed the local administrator, a Muslim, for his failure to protect the Christians.

Voice of America reported that Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi blamed the attacks on a little-known Muslim extremist group called Kware. Some reports indicate 130 Muslims believed to be involved in the violence have been arrested.

Asendabo also was the scene of anti-Christian violence in 2006, when Muslims killed more than a dozen Christians and destroyed several churches. Nearly 40% of Ethiopia's 90.8 million people are Muslim, according to the CIA World Factbook. An estimated 43% are Ethiopian Orthodox and 18.6% are Protestant. From the fourth century until 1974, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church was the official state church.



HARASSMENT ON UPSWING — Turkish Muslims worship peacefully inside Istanbul's famed Blue Mosque. Whether young Turks (more than 60% of Turkey's 71 million people are under age 30) follow in their footsteps depends in part on how they respond to the violence of militant groups in the country. International Christian groups monitoring openness in Turkey have reported an uptick in harassment as persecution continues in this land that straddles eastern and western civilizations. (BP photo)

Meanwhile, a report by the Turkish Association of Protestant Churches contends that harassment continues to be a daily problem in that country for Protestant Christians and churches in the country.

Discrimination, slander, and attacks against churches in Turkey were among the examples of ongoing harassment in 2010, according to a March 15 Compass Direct news story on the report by the association's Committee for Religious Freedom and Legal Affairs.

Turkish laws and "negative attitudes of civil servants" continue to make it nearly impossible for non-Muslims to establish places of worship, according to the committee's eight-page report released earlier this year. Three churches faced legal problems last year regarding their buildings, according to the report.

The report also noted that missionary activities are still considered a national threat

despite the existence of Turkish laws guaranteeing citizens the freedom to propagate and teach their faith, and children are victims of discrimination at school.

Though Turkey's Religious Education General Directorate for Higher Education and Training Committee allows non-Muslim students to stay out of religious classes, parents have reported cases in which they were not able to take their children out of such courses.

The Turkish Association of Protestant Churches estimates that there are up to 3,500 Protestant Christians in Turkey.

The threat of violence against Christians continues, with Turkish news sources reporting in early March that Istanbul police arrested two suspects, ages 17 and 18, accused of plotting to assassinate a priest on the European side of the city.

The Istanbul Public Prosecutor's Office is examining their case.

Looking back

10 years ago

A campaign against Beijing's bid to host the 2008 Olympic Games is launched by the Center for Religious Freedom at the Washington-based religious liberty organization Freedom House.

20 years ago

Nashville's Grand Ole Opry House is transformed into a cathedral as the words and music of All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name filled the hall at the unveiling of the new Baptist Hymnal. The event also marked the church music department's 50th anniversary.

50 years ago

A five city tour Apr. 27 - May 6 will introduce If We dared, the new Broadman Press book by Chester Swor, nationally known religious lecturer and conference leader from Mississippi College.



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Simply share the following prayer with God in your own words:

1. Lord, I admit that I need you. (I have sinned.)
2. I want forgiveness for my sins and freedom from eternal death. (I repent.)
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"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.



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PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

The Apostle Paul could be described as the Apostle of Prayer. He was a prayer warrior. He prayed in every conceivable situation. He prayed in his travels and he prayed in his imprisonments. He prayed in his proclamations. He prayed when churches warmly received and embraced his life and leadership. He prayed when they did not understand and rejected him. When he wrote to the church at Thessalonica and said, "Pray without ceasing," he did so by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Paul could write about it because it is what he did.

While we have been emphasizing covering Mississippi in Prayer and asking those who have made the commitment to pray every day 365 days in 2011 before eight o'clock in the morning, prayer continues throughout the day. Prayer washes over every moment and every experience of the day. How can you pray without ceasing? How did Paul pray without ceasing? Obviously, he was engaged in life, traveling, preaching, interacting, and sometimes contesting. All the while, he continued praying. How?

First, he was absorbed. Literally, it appears as though his life was absorbed in a prayer process and in a thought process where prayer never left his mind. The mind is an incredible thing, the depths of which are still being discovered. Can you think two thoughts at the same time or do two things at the same time? While I am not qualified to answer that from a physiological standpoint, I can tell you that I have seen people do that and probably you have



Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Prayer Points

done it. For instance, have you ever gotten in your car and driven down the road, aware of where you are going and what is going on around you and at the same time you are listening to music on the radio and possibly talking on the phone? There are even more things going on for some people, and they are paying attention to all of them at the same time.

I am keenly aware of the fact that there are distractions that cause wrecks and there are overloads that can take place of which you need to be aware. While a dozen things may be going on in your mind and even in realms far beyond the vehicle, you had better keep your eyes on the road and your thoughts on driving. Otherwise, you will become a statistic.

As a child of God growing in the Lord, you should become more absorbed in an unending awareness of not only Him with you, but you being in touch with Him.

Secondly, Paul was attuned. Time and again, you can see that fact in his life as he interprets the things that are going as a God event or a God moment. Whether it is the surprise opportunity to preach on

going on, or the triumph or the tension of the moment it was almost as if you could write above each one of those events Paul saying, "Here am I, send me! Here am I, use me! Here am I, speak through me!" God did!

As you meet with God and pray before 8:00 a.m., commit to Him to block out a week and say, "Lord, every day during this week teach me to pray without ceasing." At the end of the day, you will be amazed at what God did in you and through you. To Him be all of the glory.

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HOUSE TOPS

Matthew 10:27 NAS

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(Cleveland, Greenwood, Indianola area)

FamilyFEST is a hands-on missions project designed to help families connect with one another while doing missions/ministry together. Any missions volunteers-six years and older-are encouraged to participate.

The cost is \$25 per individual or a maximum of \$50 per family (immediate family - parents and their children). The cost includes: registration fee, t-shirt, event insurance, some supplies, some meals. Additional cost will include: some project supplies, meals, and housing. We are working on affordable housing options.

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Where are Mississippi BSU Students? IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS

Chris Burrows
Director, Baptist Student Union
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Fulton, MS

It never fails. If I'm speaking at a gathering of Mississippi Baptists in my five-county area, this question will be asked, "Now tell me again, the ICC campus changes every year and exactly where is your BSU located?"

I know what they mean. They are asking for a physical address or a campus landmark in which to gauge the building. They want me to answer, "612 West Hill Street. Directly across the road from the President's home. Right next door to Billy Joe's BP gas station."

But, that's not the answer. Not really. Let me tell you where the ICC BSU is located.

We're located in Washington, D.C., inside Congressman Alan Nunnelee's office. If you step inside, you'll find Tara Morgan, who serves as Executive Assistant and Scheduler for the representative.

"I've just moved into an apartment about a mile from the Capitol and I'm busy here in the office," said Morgan, a member of the Auburn Baptist Church in the Lee Association.

It wasn't that long ago, Tara was busy at our BSU - a typical community college student. Tara made good use of the BSU opportunities, participating in Bible Study groups, luncheons, worship, missions, service work, parties, making new friends and hanging out with old friends.

"It's exciting and it's interesting and it never stops in D.C.," said Morgan, before adding with tongue-in-cheek, "kind of like the BSU at ICC."

Tara's right. That's pretty much the way it is for all the Baptist Student Unions in Mississippi. It's exciting. It's interesting. It never stops. That's an accurate description of the work of Mississippi Baptist Campus Collegiate Ministry.

The location? Well, the BSU Centers are buildings with phones, street addresses, facilities. But, it's students like Tara Morgan that constantly remind me, the ICC BSU is not located in a building on this campus any more than our Mississippi Baptist churches are located inside the buildings in which we worship.

The ICC BSU is located in our former students who serve as: major league baseball players, elementary and high school teachers and administrators, nurses, pastors, church staff members, missionaries, doctors, sports information directors, bankers, farmers, social workers, police officers ... the list goes on and on!

"Did I ever tell you how much I appreciate what the BSU did for me, Brother Chris? Did I?" Morgan asked. "I know I'm not the only one who feels that way."

You will find the ICC BSU and students from other Mississippi BSU programs all over this state, all over this country - and, yes, even in the halls of congress in our nation's capital. Exactly where Jesus commanded us to be - all over this world!

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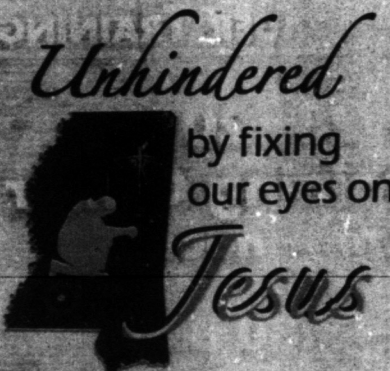
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For more information about this event, contact Mississippi WMU at 800-748-1651, or go online to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Web site (www.mbcb.org) for a schedule and conference list. Search under the event title or calendar date.



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"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24

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2. SERVANTS

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3. SOULS

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word..." John 17:20

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Matthew 23:37

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HOUSE TOPS

JUST FOR THE RECORD

1. First Church, Gautier, will host a dinner theater featuring the musical The Day He Wore My Crown April 2 and 3, 5 p.m. Tickets and information may be obtained by calling (228) 497-4050. Adult tickets, \$10; children under 10, \$5.

Huckabee, Gingrich, George Barna, David Barton, Haley Barbour, and others, speakers.

4. Agricola Church, Lucedale, is hosting Squire Parsons and Ronnie Cottingham in concert Apr. 2, 6:30 p.m. The concert is a division of Jus' Jesus Ministries, Inc.

2. Perkinston Church, Perkinston, is hosting a conference, Highlights of the Life of Christ from a Jewish Perspective Apr. 6-10. Wed. - Sat., 7 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Arnold Fruchtenbaum, speaker. Love offering.

3. First Church, Lumberton, is hosting a webcast, Rediscovering God in America: One Nation Under God, Mar. 26, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mike

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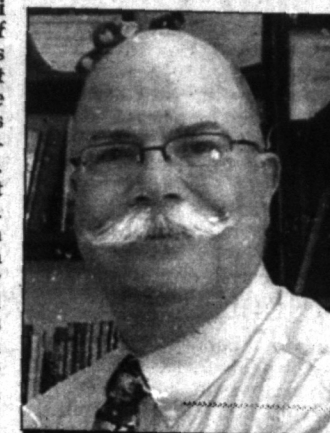
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COLLEGE NEWS

1. The Mississippi College Fellowship of Christian Athletes is hosting the first Endurance Challenge Mar. 26 with proceeds going toward the university's FCA chapter. This brand new event begins at 2:30 p.m. that Saturday features a one-mile family fun run, a 5K cross country run and an off-road duathlon that includes running and mountain biking. Entry fees range from \$10 for the fun run, \$20 for the 5-K and \$40 for the duathlon. Register through March 24th and sign up online. There is an additional \$10 fee to sign up the day of the race. For more information, go to www.active.com/more-sports/jackson-ms/mc-endurance-challenge-2011.

2. The William Carey University Board of Trustees named Darrel Lovins as Dean of the WCU - College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) at its regular meeting on March 10, 2011. Lovins has served as Interim Dean of the COM since December 15, 2010. Lovins is a graduate of Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He holds the Master of Public Health from the University of Washington, as well.



2. Lovins

Lovins has served as Associate Dean for Clinical Sciences and Professor of Medicine at WCU since 2008. Prior to coming to Carey, Lovins was an associate professor at Pike College School of Osteopathic Medicine, the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, the University of South Alabama and the University of Washington. He is a member of numerous professional organizations and is active in the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), where he serves as vice chair on the council on postdoctoral training.

3. Mississippi College graduate student Hilary Sartain recently received a first-place award from the Mississippi Academy

of Sciences. The group of higher education institutions presented the award to Sartain at its annual meeting at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. A McLain resident in Greene County, Sartain expects to graduate in August 2011 with a master of medical science degree at Mississippi College. She will then enroll at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry in Jackson.



3. Sartain



REVIVALS AND HOMECOMINGS

1. Faith Church, Hickory Flat: Revival, Apr. 10 - 13; Sat., singing, 6 p.m.; Sun., Sunday School, 10 a.m., services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Mississippi Campers on Mission, speakers; Gregg Thomas, pastor.
2. Calvary Church, Columbia: Homecoming, Apr. 3, 10 a.m., followed by meal; Tim Hill, speaker; Dogwood Cross, music.
3. Parkway Church, Tupelo: Revival, Apr. 3 - 6; Sun., 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. nightly; Randy Turner, speaker; Cory Hays, music; guest testimony Tues., Tyson Lee; Paul Brashier, pastor.
4. New Providence Church, Hazlehurst: Revival, Mar. 27 - 30; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Tom McCormick, speaker; Curtis Carter, music; Jamie Wallace, pastor.
5. Fellowship Church, Taylorsville: Revival, Apr. 3 - 6; Sun., Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Donnie Guy, speaker; Bob Thames, music.
6. Union Church, Brookhaven: Revival, Mar. 27 - 30; Sun., 11 a.m., followed by lunch and 6:30 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Kevin Ivey, speaker; Jerry Peagler, music; Keith Church, pastor.
7. Steep Hollow Church, Poplarville: Stewardship conference, Apr. 17 - 20; Sun., 10 a.m., followed by lunch and afternoon service; Donnie Guy, speaker; Tommy Upton, music; Vince Grayson, pastor.
8. Concord Church, Booneville: Revival, Apr. 10 - 13; 7 p.m. nightly; Sun., fellowship meal, 5:30 p.m.; Rex Bullock, speaker; Robert E. Walker, pastor.
9. Plainway Church, Laurel: 61st homecoming, Apr. 3; food after morning message; Harold Ishee, speaker.
10. Ramah Church, McCall Creek: Homecoming, Apr. 17, 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the ground; David McGuffee, speaker; Shelly Johnston, pastor.

IMB trustees approve Eliff to serve as new president

DALLAS (BP and local reports)—By a unanimous vote, Thomas (Tom) D. Eliff was elected International Mission Board (IMB) president March 16 by IMB trustees meeting in Dallas.

Eliff, 67, a longtime pastor, Southern Baptist Convention leader, and former missionary, will lead one of the largest evangelical missions agencies in an era of rapid change at home and around the globe.

The greatest mission challenges, he said, are the world's overwhelming spiritual loss and the urgency of mobilizing churches to take the Gospel of Christ to all peoples. "We must realize that we're in a world that is hostile to the message of the Gospel, yet there are so many people who are longing to hear. That's why we must go to the uttermost now."

"Frankly, I think we live in a generation of students who are asking, 'Why do we keep hearing about these unreached people groups? Why don't we just go reach them?' I believe we are seeing, even in our own convention, a groundswell of men and women of all ages who have the heart and are willing to go to the unreached now."

Addressing questions about his own age, Eliff added: "I'm not coming as an 'interim.' I'm coming with a vision, and I will serve as long as God gives me grace and energy."

Eliff succeeds Jerry Rankin as president of the mission board, which serves Southern Baptists and the 5,000 missionaries they send worldwide.

Rankin, a native of Clinton and Tupelo and a member of Hall of Fame at Mississippi College in Clinton, retired July 31, 2010, after 17 years as IMB president

and returned to Clinton with his wife Bobbie. Executive Vice President Clyde Meador has served as interim president during the search for a new leader.

"This is the result of many months of missionaries praying, Southern Baptists praying and our trustees praying," said IMB trustee chairman Jimmy Pritchard, who led the presidential search committee. "God has answered our prayer."

Frank Page, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in Nashville, who also was in attendance, told Baptist Press, "What a unified group of trustees! It was a time of tremendous excitement and joy."

"In his inaugural comments, Brother Eliff gave an impassioned call for winning this world to Christ. He spoke of the passionate need for churches to be more involved in the work of missions. He also affirmed the centrality of the Cooperative Program to help fund the work of Southern Baptist missions."

"Having known Dr. Tom Eliff for many years, I can tell you he is a man whose heart is pure, whose devotion is unquestioned and whose competence in missions is unparalleled. Our prayers are with Tom and Jeannie Eliff as they begin this new phase of their lives. I call on Southern Baptists to pray in earnest for God's hand of favor upon Tom and the entire International Mission Board. Crucial days of opportunity are before us. Let us join together in seeking to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ in this generation."

Rankin, who recruited Eliff to a high-level IMB assignment during his tenure, said the mission board's new president "brings an amazing combination of qualities to the task. He has a deep personal walk with the Lord that inspires and challenges others. His heart for missions grows out of a personal calling. His understanding of mission strategy comes from years of involvement as a missionary, pastor, and senior executive team member at IMB."

"He has great communication skills, genuine passion to reach a lost world, the favor and respect of missionaries and IMB staff, and he is well-connected with the churches and Southern Baptist Convention leadership."

Born in Texas, Eliff is a fourth-generation Oklahoman and third-generation pastor. He served with his wife Jeannie as a missionary to Zimbabwe in the early 1980s. They resigned in 1983 after their daughter Beth was seriously injured in a car accident there.

He was twice elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, in 1996 and 1997. He has led several churches, including First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Ok., where he was pastor from 1985-2005.

Eliff then served as IMB senior vice president for spiritual nurture and church relations from 2005-09. In that role, he taught and counseled missionaries and helped mobilize churches throughout the convention for missions involvement.

Since then, he has led Living in The Word Publications.



NEW MISSIONS LEADER — International Mission Board (IMB) president Tom Eliff (center), elected to his new post earlier in the day, talks with IMB trustee chairman Jimmy Pritchard (right) and Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee president Frank Page following the March 16 appointment of 67 new missionaries at First Church in Dallas. (BP photo)

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BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

Stay the Course

1 Peter 4:1-2,7-19

By Bobby McKay

As I write these words, the NCAA Men's College Basketball Tournament is in full stride. This tournament is comprised of teams from all areas of the country. There are some colleges represented that are well known when it comes to college basketball such as North Carolina and Kentucky. However, lesser known universities such as Northern Colorado and Bucknell are also included in these games. No matter their enrollment size or location, they each have the same aspiration: winning a national championship. The college that ultimately wins the tournament will be the team that can win six games in a row. Whoever this team may be, they will have to be strong,

smart, and maybe most importantly; have the ability to endure. This marathon of competition is a test of a team's ability to win several games over a short period of time.

Believers should take heart that it is neither our earthly fame nor the size of the church we serve that enables us to reach our community for Christ. It is in large part, our ability through the Holy Spirit to endure. We conclude this month's overview of 1 Peter with a challenge to remain strong in the face of adversity and the reminder that Christ is coming back soon.

Prediction
(1 Peter 4:1-2, 7-11)

Peter shared the view with the Apostle Paul that Christ's



McKay

course, they have all been erroneous. When someone predicts the future outside of biblical truths, they should be dismissed as false teachers and destructive to the church.

I have a friend who is a pastor that gives the best prediction of Christ's return. He states that in each of our lifetimes one of two things will most assuredly take place. Either Christ will come back or we will go to Him. That is a prediction I can accept and one that is in line with the teachings of Scripture. Peter uses these verses to remind believers of their lifestyles and daily disciplines.

return was imminent. Before you dismiss their belief too quickly, remember this. We should have the same perspective. There have been numerous individuals through the years that have proclaimed to know the dates and details of Christ's return. Of

Prayer, love, and hospitality are at the top of the list in verses seven through nine. He also encourages the use and maturing of spiritual gifts. All of these in concert with each other benefit the church and exalts the coming Lord.

Persecution
(1 Peter 4:12-16)

In this passage, the author revisits a recurring theme in this letter. This theme is persecution. Peter urged them to "keep on rejoicing," in verse 13. The ability to praise God in difficult times only exists if one has placed their hope and faith in Christ. Peter writes in verse 16 that there is no shame in being a Christian; rather our hardship provides us a platform for the world to witness the glory of God. Are we taking advantage of this opportunity?

Prepare
(1 Peter 4:17-19)

Let me encourage you to read these three verses out

loud. There is something powerful about hearing these words with our ears. It begins with the haunting words of judgment, moves into words about the sinner's fate, but ends with expressions of hope.

It is inevitable that Christians will suffer in this world at the hands of the evil one and his devices. However, in verse 19 we are reminded that those who "entrust their souls to a faithful Creator" are doing what is right. We must keep in mind the source of our strength. We will fail miserably each time we choose to rely on our fleshly resources to carry out God's calling on our lives. Prepare now so that when trouble comes you will entrust your very soul to God Almighty. Are you prepared the next time you face uncertainty? Our God is faithful. He can be trusted in our time of need. Stay the course my friend.

McKay is pastor of Harpersville Church, Harpersville.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE Light Up the World

Philippians 2:12-30

By Cyndi Grace

Several years ago we moved to Clinton and I decided I needed to get in shape. Within days I joined the Baptist Healthplex. This place is incredible! It has only the finest equipment and the most wonderful trainers. I had grand visions of what I would achieve physically by being a member. But things didn't happen like I thought...the weight didn't come off and I wasn't becoming any stronger. I was discouraged to say the least. While sharing my woes to my husband he was quite unsympathetic as he told me that being a member was not enough...I actually needed to go to and work out!! This might seem a silly illustration but many of us treat our spiritual growth much the same way...we become a

Christian and then expect to grow and get stronger in our faith without any exertion on our part.

In our lesson today we find Paul encouraging the church at Philippi to be intentional in their spiritual growth. He uses the words "work out" their salvation. Do not become confused...Paul was not saying they had to work for their salvation (that is a free gift of God's grace) but that they needed to work it out...from the inside to the outside. Put another way is we must "exercise" our faith. We must step out of our comfort zone and allow God to use us in ways we never thought possible. When troubles come we must lift up our heads and let God show us the next step. Working out (physically) is hard work, is painful,



Grace

they are trying to sell tennis shoes, this concept can be applied to our spiritual lives. How many times have we been through great trials only to discover afterwards we were closer to God and stronger in our faith? That is what Paul was talking about...work out your salvation for there is the evidence of our salvation.

Paul then said to do everything without complaining (grumbling in HCSB). As we remember the theme of Philippians' is joy, it does very little good to obey God and grumble the whole time! He desires free and open obedience...and the thing is, this

doesn't just apply to church...it applies to our lives at work, at home, at school...even at Wal-Mart!! Imagine what it would be like if Christians quit complaining about every little thing? (long lines, traffic etc.) The world around us might begin to see a beacon of light in this dark world...isn't that what Paul said? What if you began to see your work and all the other responsibilities as doing them for God? Colossians 3: 23-24 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." (NIV)

Finally, Paul told them, "Hold firmly to the message of life." When I actually do work out, often I have to hold onto a bar so I do not lose my balance. If I quit holding on, I generally fall over. It is the same principle in our Christian lives. We do not do this Christian life free-fall. We have the words of God to hold onto and the Holy Spirit

to breathe them into our lives but we have to be familiar with them both personally and corporately. Our congregations are stronger when we individually study the word of God. Our congregations are stronger when the word of God is preached from the pulpits. But it takes both. We do not live in a spiritual nursing home where we have to be fed each week from our pastor...we can and must study personally what God teaches in the Bible. That requires that we "work on it" or take the time to study His word personally. When we do, we are stronger, we know God's will and are not easily led astray by the lies of the enemy.

These principles are powerful! Today begin to work out, stay positive and hold on to truth! Our personal trainer is the Holy Spirit and if we follow His leading, we will become strong, shining lights!

Grace is a conference speaker and Bible teacher and is a member of First Church, Clinton.

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STAFF CHANGES

1. First Church, Batesville, has called Tommy and Joyce Snyder as pastor and wife. They began their ministry Jan. 2.



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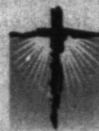
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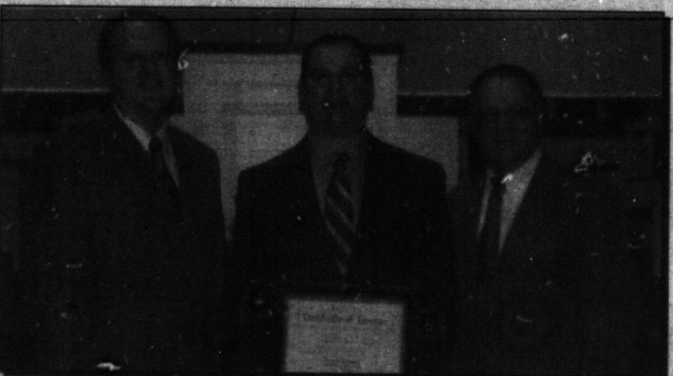
2. French Camp Church, French Camp



3. Old Union Church, Shannon



4. Phalti Church, Prentiss



5. Parsons licensing

1. The children of Concord Church, Booneville, presented the Christmas program Celebrate the Season. Kim Hargett and Heather Ledbetter, directors. Shown are the participants.

2. French Camp Church, French Camp held a deacon ordination Feb. 13. Shown, from left, are Keith Dorris, Jeff Ward, pastor Randy Bridges, Larry Stevens, and Happy T. Grice.

3. Old Union Church, Shannon, held a Deacon Day Feb. 20. Shown are the participants.

4. The children and youth of Phalti Church, Prentiss, made John 3:16 valentines and delivered them to the residents of the Extended Care Facility in Prentiss Feb. 5. Shown are the participants.

5. East Philadelphia Church, Philadelphia, licensed Rusty Parsons to the gospel ministry. Shown are pastor Mike Smithey, Parsons, and Mark Cloys.

6. The preschoolers and children of Southside Church, Greenville, presented a Thanksgiving program. Shown are the participants.

7. Crowder Church, Crowder, recently ordained Jeremy Sartain to the gospel ministry. He is currently minister of youth and activities at Crowder. Shown are Sartain, pastor Larry Kilgore, and others involved in the ordination.

8. The Golden Circle Senior Adult Class hosted a Bridging the Generation Gap party Feb. 27 for the youth of First Church, Richton. The class hosts a quarterly party including food, fun, fellowship, and games. Shown are B.A. Hill, and Taylor Thoms.

9. The children of South McComb Church, McComb, recently observed Children's Ministry Day. The children baked cookies for nurses at the nursing homes, raked leaves for a senior adult, and had a balloon launch. Shown are the participants.



6. Southside Church, Greenville



7. Sartain ordination



8. First Church, Richton



9. South McComb Church, McComb